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RECENT CASES.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

Impairment of Contracts—Extending Time for Redemption—State, ex rel., Thomas Cruse Sav. Bank v. Gilliam, Sheriff, 45 Pac. Rep. 661 (Mont.). An act extending the time for redemption of premises sold under mortgage, as applied to mortgages executed before its passage, impairs the obligation of the contract, and is unconstitutional.

Interstate Commerce—Norfolk & W. R. Co. v. Commonwealth, 24 S. E. Rep. 837 (Va.). A state may in order to secure and protect the lives or health of its citizens, or to preserve good order and the public morals, legislate for such purposes, in good faith, and without discrimination against interstate or foreign commerce, without violating the commerce clause of the constitution of the United States, although such legislation may sometimes touch, in its exercise, the line separating the respective domains of National and State authority, and to some extent affect foreign and interstate commerce. A state law prohibiting the running of freight trains on Sunday is such legislation and does not conflict with the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution.

CRIMINAL LAW.

Burglary—Breaking.—Pressley v. State, 20 South. Rep. 647 (Ala.). Where a building is made of logs and rests upon the ground without a floor other than the ground itself, digging a hole under the lower log and thus entering the house is a breaking sufficient for the crime of burglary.

Homicide—Dying Declaration.—State v. Parham, 20 So. Rep. 727 (La.). A declaration made by a person with full consciousness of approaching death which has been reduced to writing by his attending physician, signed by the declarant and his signature attested by a Justice of the Peace, is admissible in evidence as a dying declaration.

INSURANCE.

External, Violent and Accidental Means—Exceptions of Policy.—American Accident Co. of Louisville v. Carson. 36 S. W. Rep. 169